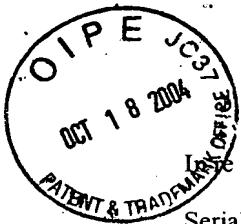


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of July 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 12 of this Amendment.